



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: January 18, 2012

To: Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Committee

Referral to: Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.

Subject: Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant FY 2011 Acceptance

Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Department to accept a FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighter competitive grant to purchase hydraulic tools and training in the amount of \$385,000. The federal share is 80% or \$308,000.00 of the approved amount and the local share is 20% or \$77,000.00

Increase the Appropriation for Fire Department Fund 01300, Department 2800700 in the amount of \$308,000.00.

Increase the Revenue source in Fund 01300, Department 2800700, Revenue Source Code 321015 in the amount of \$308,000.00.

Previous Directives:

9/23/2011 - Authorize submit application for Assistance to Firefighters Fiscal Year 2011 competitive grant seeking \$385,000 to purchase up to 10 hydraulic tool sets.

Department Information

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Financial Impact

XX Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: 2800700 Fire Grants and Donations

Fund Name: 01300 Grants-Federal

Project Name & Number (if capital budget):

Amount: \$308,000.00

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

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Community Impact**Supporting Information**

- The Fire Department submitted a request to purchase a new set hydraulic tools for each of the ladder companies and two rescue companies. The Department responds to a wide range of rescue situations but vehicle accidents are the most prevalent. Our current compliment of rescue tools is unable to cut some of the metal used in newer vehicles; is old and is in adequate for extrication. Most of our current tools are over ten years old and some have been in operation for at least 30 years. The technological advances in auto construction render our current tools inadequate and we can no longer find compatible parts to repair the older unites. New tools will provide standardization in the inventory and allow for more efficient and effective training and will lessen the cost of maintenance. The request also includes funding for training on the safe and effective operations of the new tools.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. AFG seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards. The Department of Homeland Security will provide a higher level of consideration to departments with significant levels of incidents and to departments that protect large populations relative to other applicants, regardless of the type of community served.
- The Minneapolis Fire Department has been a recipient of this grant in the past. In FY 2010 we received \$125,000 for the purchase of SCBA equipment; in FY 2009 the Department was awarded \$120,000 for the purchase of two SCBA fill stations. In FY2008 the Department was awarded funding to purchase turnout gear; in 2004 to install exhaust systems in fire stations; in 2003 to purchase fire hoses; in 2002 to purchase defibrillators and in 2001 to purchase SCBA equipment.